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The House met 10 a.m.

Rabbi Alan Katz, Temple Sinai, Rochester, New York, offered the following prayer:

Today is the third day of the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles, Succoth, our Feast of Booths. This festival is also called the Time of Our Rejoicing, and begins only 5 days after Yom Kippur, our most solemn of holy days. In renewed spirit, we therefore pray for the Almighty's divine protection. We ask You, Universal God, to spread over us the tabernacle of Your peace and direct us in good counsel. Be our rock and support in both times of grief and of joy.

As the Jewish people from ancient days to the present dwelt and survived in Harvest Booths under the protecting wings of God's presence, bless our entire Nation with the shelter of love and peace that helps us to regain our confidence and security. Be with the leaders of our country who, in wisdom and compassion, seek to establish justice and peace in our Nation and in the world. Strengthen our citizens to reach out in kindness as we acknowledge the holiness of the Divine image found in each and every person. Allow us to stand upright and tall in the face of all that comes our way, always champions for freedom and peace.

Praised are You, Eternal One, whose shelter of peace encompasses us and all humanity.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) come

forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BLUMENAUER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 768. An act to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 51. Joint resolution approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment with respect to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1438. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER) will be recognized for the first 1-minute. After that, there will be ten 1-minutes on each side.

The Chair requests the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) to assume the Chair.

WELCOME TO RABBI ALAN KATZ, TEMPLE SINAI OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, today we open this legislative day with a prayer from Rabbi Alan Katz. I want to take a moment to tell my colleagues and the country about Rabbi Katz and the important role that he plays in my community.

Rabbi Katz has served as rabbi of Temple Sinai in Rochester since 1986, and he has played prominent roles in many of Rochester's civic and faith organizations. Rabbi Katz is joined here today by his parents; his wife, Jan; and his brother, David.

Rabbi Katz knows better than anyone that one of America's strengths is our diversity. As Americans, we have enormous freedom; and some in other lands do not understand it. Rochester is a community of many faiths; and Rabbi Katz is a leader in helping others learn, understand, and celebrate our differences. He is known for his ability to reach across racial, ethnic, and religious lines to create understanding and friendship. He is part of a Muslim-Jewish dialogue group; and he has fostered a relationship between Temple Sinai and AME Baber Church with Reverend Norvell Goff, Sr. Along with Catholic Bishop Matthew Clark, he co-led the Rochester Interfaith Mission to Israel in the summer of 1998.

In these difficult and emotional times, many of us are returning to faith to seek guidance and understanding. Many people in Rochester turn to Rabbi Katz for his wisdom, his understanding, and his ability to heal. I am proud to have known Rabbi Katz for a number of years; and I am grateful for his work in our community, as well as his personal friendship. I am

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